

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DNR/Ex - Mr. Bartoe

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FROM : FL/Ex - Charles L. Higdon

SUBJECT: Publications Procurement Officer, Singapore

The Bureau has examined and studied the recommendation in your memorandum of July 29 that a Publications Procurement Officer be requested in the budget for 1960. After review it is our opinion that such an officer would not be justified for the following reasons:

1. Neither Malaya, Thailand, South Viet-Nam, nor Singapore recognize Communist China and the publications most desired by DNR would therefore appear rarely to be available in Singapore.
2. It is the Bureau's belief that most, if not all, of the publications which might be available in the four independent areas mentioned above are available in Hong Kong where there is already a Publications Procurement Officer.

Should some vital publications prove to be available in certain Southeast Asian countries it is suggested that the PRO in Hong Kong have his area of operations enlarged and that he be authorized to travel within that area to the extent necessary to accomplish his task.

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